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Dear members of the Cambridge, Massachusetts City Council,

I grew up in Brookline, graduated BU and visit frequently.

I oppose the lack of transparency and unfair singling out of Israel in this City Council Vote.

The Cambridge City Council should not abdicate its responsibilities to an interest group whose purpose is to demonize Israel.

Any resolution of this kind deserves a full and fair public hearing, including inviting experts and interested parties to weigh in openly before action is taken.

The BDS movement is detrimental to achieving peace and is clearly anti-Semitic.
Anti-Semitism is the motivation for the BDS campaign whose goal is to delegitimize Israel.
BDS constitutes a concrete threat to the future of Israel's economic, academic, cultural, sports and political standing.

There are many people of goodwill, who are working to bridge the divide between Israelis and Palestinians.
Boycotts, like the one under consideration, undermine these peacemakers, fuel polarization, and strengthen the hands of those who reject co-existence.

Singling out Israel amongst all the nations and holding them to a unique ethical standard raises troubling issues about the Cambridge City Council.

The following states (so far) adopted anti-BDS laws - because BDS is wrong and proves the Cambridge City Council will be an outlier among civilized local governments and will tarnish the reputation of your city.:

Alabama

Arizona

California

Colorado

Florida

Georga

Illinois

Indiana

Iowa

Kansas

Maryland

Michigan

Minnesota

Nevada

New Jersey
New York
North Carolina
Ohio
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia
Wisconsin

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